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TUCSON MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER FOR KILLING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- A jury returned guilty verdicts, today, for MICHAEL R.

WAGGONER on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Murder, and Tampering with a Witness.

At trial, it was established that, on January 22, 1998, Terile Williams, distributed a quantity of cocaine to Alzinnia Keyes. At that time, Keyes was working as a confidential informant for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). On January 23, 1998, Terile Williams was arrested by DEA agents for selling the cocaine to Keyes. On March 12, 1998, in an effort to undermine prosecution of Terile Williams on the drug charges, the defendant drove to 2304 E. Monterey Vista, in Tucson, Arizona, with the intent to murder Alzinnia Keyes. He found Keyes, and in front of 10 people, fired 6 rounds, from a nine millimeter gun. Alzinnia Keyes died on March 24, 1998, as a result of those injuries.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 21, 2000, before U.S. District Court Judge John M. Roll.

The investigation that led to the successful prosecution was conducted by officers from the Tucson Police Department and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution was handled by Sean Chapman and Jesse Figueroa, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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